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Drummers and lion/dragon dancers take the streets of Chinatown to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

## Crowds Gather at Chinatown New Year Parade to Welcome in the Lunar New Year

A delightful blend of sounds, colors, and activities permeated the streets of Chinatown as the city welcomed in the Lunar New Year in style. The crowd cheered as drummers, musicians, and traditional lion and dragon dancers made their way through Chinatown on H Street. The annual Chinatown New Year Parade, organized by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA), traditionally takes place the Sunday after the lunar New Year.

Mayor Williams, accompanied by Chinatown community leaders, joined in the festivities by visiting Chinatown businesses and residents to wish them a happy new year. Following that, the Mayor presented a proclamation to the event organizer.

The Lunar New Year, which began on January 22, signifies a time for new beginnings as families and friends gather to exchange well wishes and hopes for a prosperous future. This year celebrates the Year of the Monkey, which symbolizes fearlessness, intelligence, creativity, and generosity.



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## OAPIA Welcomes 2 New Staff

On December 15, 2003, OAPIA welcomed two new staff members, Dory Peters and Lisa Nguyen. As a community services representative, Dory will focus on outreach to the community while Lisa, as a program specialist, will focus on working with agencies to further advance the Mayor's API Initiative.

Dory Peters is originally from the Philippines and recently relocated from Cleveland, Ohio to join OAPIA. Lisa Nguyen, a Vietnamese-American, also relocated to the DC area after finishing graduate school.

## Federal Funding Opportunities

The Department of Justice (DOJ)/Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) announce funds for FY04 OVW Education and Technical Assistance To End Violence Against Women with Disabilities and FY04 OVW Training Grants to Stop Abuse and Sexual Assault Against Older Individuals or Individuals with Disabilities. For more information please visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm).

The Department of Education (DOED) announces funds for the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP). For more information please visit <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010>.

## District Funding Opportunities

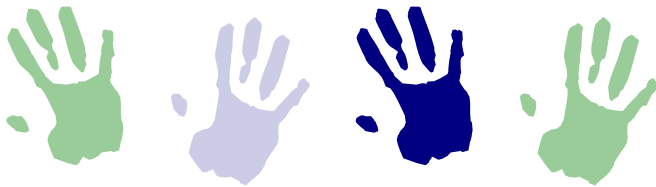
Notices and application packets are still available at [http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding\\_grants/index.shtm](http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtm) for the following programs:

DC Department of Health (DOH), Bureau of Epidemiology and Health Risk Assessment (BEHRA), Division of Injury and Violence Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) FY03 Grant; DOH /HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA) FY04 Ryan White Title II Grant.

## Foundation Funding Opportunities

The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts (<http://www.warholfoundation.org/>); The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation ([www.cyitc.org](http://www.cyitc.org)); The Hewlett Packard (HP) Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative ([http://grants.hp.com/us/programs/tech\\_teaching/index.html](http://grants.hp.com/us/programs/tech_teaching/index.html)); AT&T CARES Youth Service Action Fund ([www.YSA.org](http://www.YSA.org)).

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## OAPIA Helps to Recruit Volunteers

OAPIA recently initiated the Volunteer Recruitment Project to help API community organizations attract talented and energetic volunteers from the community to participate in various programs and events of the community. OAPIA will also establish contacts with volunteer services offices of various colleges and universities to publicize the API community's volunteer needs.

Volunteer Application Forms and Volunteer Request Forms have been sent out for volunteers and organizations to fill out, respectively. OAPIA will then match the applicants to the appropriate organizations. For more information, please contact Dory Peters at (202) 727-3120 or email [dory.peters@dc.gov](mailto:dory.peters@dc.gov).

## EMPLOYMENT/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), based in Washington D.C., is recruiting for an Executive Director/President. Filing deadline is Feb. 20, 2004. Please visit <http://www.searac.org/apiasfexecjd.pdf> for more information.

The National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, is recruiting for a web assistant to support Web development projects at the museum. Application deadline is Feb. 17, 2004. For information, please email [yehc@nmah.si.edu](mailto:yehc@nmah.si.edu) or call (202) 633-3423.

BPSOS is seeking media and communications interns for summer 2004. Interns will work on hands-on projects and receive a \$2,000 stipend. Please visit [bpsos.org](http://bpsos.org) or email [hahoa.dang@bpsos.org](mailto:hahoa.dang@bpsos.org) for more information.

2004 MVMA-FAA Summer Internship Program is seeking applications from Asian American/Pacific Islander and Native American/Alaskan Native undergraduate and graduate college students majoring in aviation studies, engineering, computer science, economics, math, law, and business administration. Interns will receive a stipend of \$4,500 plus a \$1,000 housing and local travel allowance. Application deadline is March 1, 2004. Please visit [http://www.mdvietmutual.org/FAASummer2004Internship/FAA\\_Internship\\_Application.pdf](http://www.mdvietmutual.org/FAASummer2004Internship/FAA_Internship_Application.pdf) for more information.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Taiwanese Association of America announces two scholarships, at \$1,000 each, for DC region vocational school or college-bound graduating seniors for the 2004-2005 academic year. Application deadline is April 1, 2004. For more information, please visit [www.taagwc.org](http://www.taagwc.org).

## Community Events

2/4: Smithsonian: What is This Thing Called Race? Confronting our myths and misconceptions.

2/19: Smithsonian: Day of Remembrance: Rewards of Historical Research.

2/20: Fundraiser for the 2,000 Stateless Vietnamese refugees in the Philippines.

3/4: Smithsonian: No Sword to Bury: Japanese Americans in Hawaii during World War II - Book Signing and Presentation by Franklin Odo.

3/26-3/27 Building an APA Women's Movement: A National Economic Justice Gathering hosted by NAPAWF.

OAPIA's mission is to ensure that the full range of health, education, employment, and social services are available to the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community in the District of Columbia. OAPIA works with all government agencies and community based organizations to address the needs of the District's API growing community. If you have any questions or would like to include information about your organization's program in our newsletter, please contact Lisa Nguyen at (202) 727-3120 or email [lisa.nguyen@dc.gov](mailto:lisa.nguyen@dc.gov).

*Mayor Anthony A. Williams*

*invites you to the*

## **Neighborhood Citizen Summits**

For a discussion on what we learned at Citizen Summit III • The long-range vision for the District of Columbia • The priorities and initiatives in the proposed fiscal year 2005 budget • Questions and answers with the Mayor.

**Ward 5:** Feb. 10, Trinity College, 125 Michigan Avenue, NE

**Ward 3:** Feb. 11, Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW

**Ward 8:** Feb 17, Allen Chapel AME church, 2498 Alabama Avenue, SE

**Ward 4:** Feb 18, Nativity School, 6008 Georgia Avenue, NW

**Ward 2:** Feb 19, Kennedy Recreation Center – 7th and P Streets, NW

**Ward 1:** Feb 23, Washington Family Church, 16th Street & Columbia Road, NW

**Ward 7:** Feb 24, Boys and Girls Club, 4103 Benning Road, NE

**Ward 6:** Feb 26, Sherwood Recreation Center, 1000 G Street, NE

All events begin at 7:00 pm. For more information please call (202) 727-3120 or visit [citizensummit.dc.gov](http://citizensummit.dc.gov).